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Letter dated 15 April 1999 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith*, the information concerning the most recent NATO attack on a convoy of refugees going back home which caused large civilian casualties. I would like to ask you to have it published as an official document of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights under agenda item 9.

(Signed) Branko BRANKOVIC
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Annex

NATO barbaric bombing kills 64 Albanian refugees, wounds 20 and kills three policemen

On 14 April 1999, NATO savagely bombed a convoy of refugees who were returning to their homes. The attack was perpetrated between 13:00 and 15:00 hours on the Prizren-Djakovica road near the villages of Madanaj and Meja. This convoy of refugees carried children, women and the elderly. A total of 64 persons were killed, 20 persons were inflicted heavy or light injuries. Were also killed 3 policemen who secured the convoy of refugees. This convoy of tractors and cars carrying several thousand civilians was attacked twice.

This latest crime committed by the NATO "riders of Apocalypse" represents a part of the policy aimed at creating a humanitarian catastrophe and preventing refugees from returning to their homes.

By killing and intimidating the refugees who are going back home, NATO countries want to create the situation which will enable them to justify their demand for the deployment of NATO military armada on the soil of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as if they were the only guarantor of the security of refugees.

After the terrorist gangs were broken up and after the situation in Kosovo and Metohija became safe, the bombing of innocent civilians is yet another proof of crimes against humanity committed by NATO barbarians.

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